



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Examiner: J. Patel)
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Applicant(s): Mark Paul Everson et al.)
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Serial No.: 09/532,560)
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For: METHOD OF OPTIMIZING MARKET)
AND INSTITUTIONAL RISKS IN)
FOREIGN EXCHANGE HEDGING)
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**PRELIMINARY
AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows: